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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to urge you to give your approval to the Microsoft settlement. This would end three years of court battles between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. The two parties have agreed to this agreement and I do not think it is the place of others to second-guess the decision. The fact that a federal judge accepted it is also evidence of a settlement. It has gone on far too long. It is time to quit wasting taxpayers' money and put some of that money towards things that are needed more, like highways, schools, the environment.

Microsoft has agreed to a great many of the terms demanded by Justice. There is internal interface disclose, computer-maker flexibility, granting computer makers new rights to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft programs; there is an oversight committee. What more is there? Why should anyone work to make a company work, or invent something, if only to have to give it away? This whole lawsuit sets a very bad precedent.

I urge you to let this decision stand and let us go forwards, not backwards.

Sincerely,

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01-25-02 20:11 TO:FULLCUT products. It's a great Company !!!